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Dr. Ralph G. Wilburn, Professor of Theology, Phillips University, who spoke on "Our Protestant Heritage" as N.C.C. New Testament lecturer during the Northwest Preachers Parliament.

Left to right: Loren Swanson, Los Angeles, Calif; Paul Simonds, Dewing, N. M.; Roy Bullock, Bakersfield, California; Gene Bates, Olympia, Washington; Elsie Gochnour, Burley, Idaho; Gene Swanson, Los Angeles, California. Standing, left to right: Don Summers, Milwaukie, Oregon; Hollis Kutch, Madera, California; Jack Copsey, Gooding, Idaho; La Vern Balch, Hayward, California.

NORTHWEST PREACHERS PARLIAMENT

George Alder, minister of the First Christian Church, Klamath Falls, Oregon, was Oregon's representative as a preacher to bring a message to those who attended the Northwest Preachers Parliament on January 13-15, 1953. Brother Alder's message again emphasized the tremendous significance of the resurrection of our risen Lord.

Howard Thomas Wood, President of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, brought the opening message of the Parliament. Building his message around the theme of the coming convention, "The Uplifted Christ Lifts Men," President Wood, in a message which profoundly stirred his listeners, emphasized the significance of our faith in Christ as he renewed the vivid slogan, "No creed but Christ."

The lectures of Dr. Ralph G. Wilburn on "Our Protestant Heritage" stirred up more theological discussion and theological thinking than has been seen in a popular gathering in a long time. Using the difficult theological terms of the technical theologians, Dr. Wilburn challenged the positions both of the Roman Catholics on the one hand and the Calvanistic theologians on the other. Seeking to establish a position that is both undenominational and unifying, he carefully analyzed the many theologies of our day and then pointed out how significant is our historic position as it points the way to a faith that is satisfying and unifying. As to many of the scholarly arguments presented by Dr. Wilburn, the untrained listeners will need to have before them the printed text of the lectures (which we hope will be printed within a reasonable time) in order to be certain of their full meaning.

Dr. Wilburn was especially pleased with the large assembly of ministers, wives of ministers and others who so eagerly listened to his technical and scholarly presentations.

One afternoon of the Parliament was devoted to a discussion of the Structure and Function of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ. This was exceptionally illuminating for it helped all present to realize that this convention is a fellowship of those assembled which provides an opportunity to gain new inspiration, review accomplishments, plan new advances and report to the brethren without having to submit to any overhead type of ecclesiastical government. This discussion made all present most eager to share in the forthcoming International Convention in Portland next July 4-9. Dr. Myron C. Cole, First Christian Church, Portland, and Aldis Webb,

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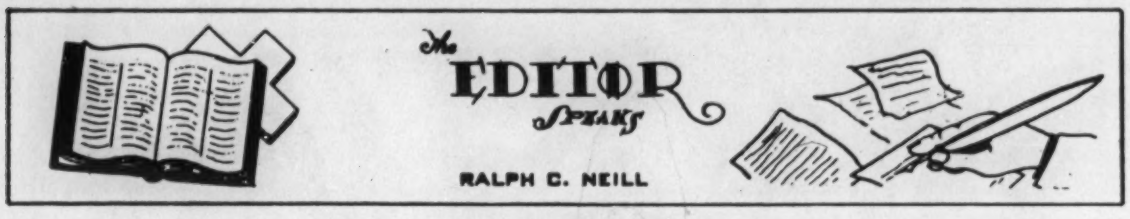
MACEDONIAN CALL COMMITTEE IN ACTION

The Macedonian Call Committeee, sponsored by the Preachers Association of Northwest Christian College, has been actively engaged in the newly expanded program of our state work by supplying the man power for surveying various areas of the state for the establishment of ten new churches. Thus far, the N.C.C. students have made two surveys in the Salem (see picture above) area and have been requested to make similar surveys at Albany, Winchester, Vida, and a site in Portland. (See article elsewhere in this issue concerning the results of the two Salem surveys and plans for the beginning of a new church there.) Loren Swanson, president of the "M.C.C." has compared this phase of the expanded program to the sacrifice parents make for their children to make them useful citizens of society. "Blessed is the church," he says, "that brings a new church into the world." The students of N.C.C. are rendering a needed and worthy service to the churches of our state. Student members volunteer their week-ends for just such work throughout the state. These students and others on the N.C.C. campus have likewise contributed more than $1100. to the newly-adopted budget of $65,000. which will undergird the expanded program.



Guest Editorial

WHY DON'T THEY DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?

The personal pronoun "they" has become the scapegoat for many a personal responsibility which involves "me", and rarely is it more evident than in the field of politics. One of the common indoor sports for the next few weeks while the state legislature is in session is to let off steam to anyone who will listen as we talk about what "they" are doing down at the state capital. Seldom are we willing to pinch ourselves into remembering that what "they" do at the legislature depends in great measure upon what "we" do in expressing our own opinions and convictions to those whom we have elected to represent us in our state government. When a certain measure is passed which deals a hard blow to the cause of Christian morals, we are ready to weep and wail, whereas actually we often have no one but ourselves to blame. The innocent subversives in this country of ours are the persons who would do no actual harm to any good cause; they simply do nothing. Their great sin is that they keep silent when a great cause is being torn to shreds. They lament when it is too late to do anything about it. History is cluttered up with well-intentioned people who never took the trouble to stand up and be counted when the roll was being called.

Some great issues are at stake and will be decided for good or ill during this legislature. One of them has to do with the revenue from par-mutuel gambling, which now is used directly for county and state fairs and for 4-H club work. This clever move of the gambling interests to tie in this revenue with the fairs and other character building agencies was undoubtedly responsible for the defeat of the measure at the last election to abolish pari-mutuel gambling. A measure has now been presented to the legislature, known as House Bill No. 24, which would eliminate this anomalous situation of a bad thing supporting the good, and would put all revenues from gambling into the general fund of the state. From this general fund would come allocations for the various fairs and poultry shows and 4-H Clubs.

The situation is identical to that which existed when the revenue from liquor sales was devoted exclusively to old-age assistance some years ago. That tie-up was abolished in the legislature some years ago because of the insistent protest of recipients of old-age assistance and because it represented a poor system of administration. In our opinion, and in the opinion of most of the tax experts in our state, all taxes ought to be placed in a general fund, from which allocations will be made on the basis of need and funds available, and such allocations will always be subject to further study. If this

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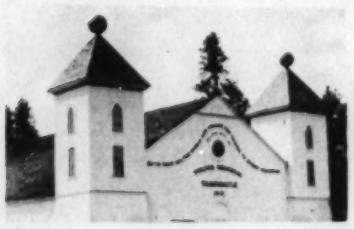

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ADDING UP ACTIVITIES OF ADDLEMAN

Since our last report which ended on December 17 we have been busy as follows:

December—

18-19 were spent at Menucha with the other church executives in a conference sponsored by the Oregon Council of Churches.

21 worshipped at First Christian Church for the morning service and at Kern Park in Portland for the evening service

22-23 spent at Enterprise making calls and holding conferences with members of the church

24 was spent in the office

25-27 spent at home

28 preached at Sellwood, Portland at the morning service and brought the evening message at Vernonia

29 spent in a business session with the Executive Committee of the State Board

30 was spent in the office with one conference, attended a breakfast meeting of the Portland Council of Churches and an evening dinner fellowship of the Christian Ministers and wives at the home of the Pomeroys in Portland

Dec. 31-Jan. 5 spent at Halfway in conference with the church, holding a total of 28 conferences and preached 6 sermons at the church. Visited in the home of the Jewetts at Baker on my way home.

January—

6- 9 spent in the office with 4 conferences. Also met with the Vernonia Church in a business meeting

11 attended the annual meeting of the Yamhill Church and preached two sermons. Attended Mallory Avenue church at night and shared in the service with Dr. H. T. Wood.

12-15 spent in Eugene attending the Northwest Preacher's parliament. Also attended many committee meetings and held personal conferences.

PREACHERS PARLIAMENT

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First Christian Church, Tillamook, along with others shared in the discussion of the International Convention.

Through a conference of officers of the various Northwest states, it was agreed that the next Northwest Parliament will be held in 1955, probably after Easter. In 1954 the Oregon Preachers Parliament will meet as usual in Eugene at Northwest Christian College.

Officers for the Oregon Preachers during the coming year are: Jess Johnson, St. Johns Christian Church, President; Alger Fitch, Church of Christ, Milwaukie, Vice President; George Shoemaker, Fall Creek Christian Church and Northwest Christian College, Secretary.

H. T. Wood, International Convention President, is shown above dictating message to his new friends here in Oregon.

A WORD FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION PRESIDENT

Editor's note: H. T. "Tom" Wood, Minister of the Linden Avenue Christian Church, Memphis, Tennessee, and the Disciples of Christ, made a hurried tour of Oregon and the Northwest in January, participating in the recent Northwest Preachers Parliament in Eugene and also speaking at Salem First Church, Portland and at La Grande. Although his schedule would not allow him time to write an article for The Oregon Christian, he did graciously take time out to dictate the accompanying message following his Salem engagement. Tom Wood made many friends in Oregon during his short stay and his friendliness, spirit and capabilities are indicative of the fine leadership our Convention will have when we meet in Portland, July 4-9.

My Dear Friends of Oregon:

What a wonderful few days I have had in some of your churches and with your ministers at the Parliament in Eugene. Never have I seen greater enthusiasm for any one thing than I found among you for our Convention to be held in Portland beginning on July 4. There is not the slightest doubt in my mind but that you will reach your registration quota of 4,000. I also believe that most of your churches are going over your quota. It has been many years since an International Convention was held in your state and of course it will be many years before another one comes. Therefore, by all means, let nothing keep you away from this great assembly of our people.

I suppose our Convention goes back to the first yearly meeting among us which was in New Lisbon, Ohio, in 1831. Alexander Campbell had said in the Christian Baptist of 1826, "The local church is the highest authority and no ecclesiastical body has the right to legislate for it." It made our people afraid of any sort of meetings above the local church level. When they met in New Lisbon, Ohio, they saw better and these yearly meetings continued. Mr. Campbell was a great believer in cooperation. He wrote in the Christian Baptist from 1830 to 1840 on cooperation and had a great influence on the forming of the American Bible Society. He said, "I am for cooperation. Some of the brethren are afraid of its power and others complain of its inefficiency but I am for cooperation."

Yet, until 1845, there was no organization binding our people together. In that year the American Christian Bible Society was formed. It was not until 1849 that the first general convention of our people was held. This was in Cincinnati, Ohio, in October. There were 156 persons present representing 100 churches and 11 states. By the way, when we adopted the present constitution and by-laws of our International Convention it was again in Cincinnati, Ohio, exactly 100 years after the first convention was held.

As President of our Convention this year, I have three dreams for Portland: 1. May it be the beginning of a new spirit of fellowship among us. How wonderful it will be at Portland when 6000 of our people come together in fellowship and in planning better means of carrying the Kingdom of God to the uttermost parts of the earth. Wasn't that true of the early Church? "They continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine in fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayers." They worked and worshipped together. They were the unbroken body of Christ. I do not believe that Christians are separable. This great Church of ours, in the words of Campbell, "speaking where the scriptures speak and silent where the scriptures are silent" and with our great plea for Christian unity, must be united. Occasionally, I hear some one speak of a minister of our Church as an independent minister or Church. I do not, for one, like that term. An independent is not a New Testament person because in the New Testament they were of one fellowship and they were together. And I believe these my brethren, although they may differ from me in some things, are a New Testament Church. I believe there is a heresy to fellowship just as there is a heresy to truth and I am not sure but a heresy to fellowship is as bad as a heresy to truth. The Convention does not belong to any group or to any level of thought among us. Let us all come together having but one creed and that is Jesus Christ our Lord.

2. My second dream is not only that we will have a new spirit of fellowship but also that we will have a new spirit of prayer and devotion among us. If this could only begin at Portland! God can never completely take over until we completely give over. I believe in prayer. Prayer can change an individual; prayer can change a Church; prayer can change a brotherhood. When I was elected President at Chicago, I asked all those present to join in prayer every day for Portland. Will you, my brethren in Oregon, join with me every day between now and July 4 in praying that God will use this Convention and use us in a great way? There must be a level of deeper living among us. O, that at Portland, there might come this new dedication of ourselves to God.

3. My third dream is that the year beginning July 1, 1953, may be the greatest year of evangelism in the history of our people. In the Ten Year Program of Advance this year beginning July 1, will be the year of evangelism. Isn't it remarkable that our Convention is being held in the first week of that year? Our theme is, "The Uplifted Christ Lifts Men." All the Convention will be built around that. I believe the uplifted Christ will lift any man if you and I will only take Him to them. If at Portland we can only get the proper motivation in our hearts, we will go out from there in the greatest year of evangelism. The Home and State Missions Planning Council in their evangelistic committee is giving a great deal of time to implement that this year. I believe God is going to greatly use us.

Well, these are just some of the dreams that I have for our Convention at Portland. I am looking forward to meeting you there. Let me thank you again for making my trip so wonderful to this state and to tell you we are coming in great numbers from the other states and the provinces of Canada to visit you on July 4 and we want you to be in Portland to greet us.

Sincerely,

H. T. Wood

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

—By Ross J. Griffeth

Due to the fact that dates could not be cleared for the leadership desired or for the students involved, it was necessary to cancel the projected Religious Education Practicum this year. Plans have been started to conduct a Practicum next school year during the first two weeks of January 1954.

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Elected to the Board of Trustees of Northwest Christian College to represent Oregon was Chester C. Farr, Coos Bay. Mr. Farr's term expired this year so this is re-election for a three year term. Other Oregon representatives on the N.C.C. Board are Victor P. Morris, Eugene, and Ralph Cook, Medford. Oregon is also represented on the Board of trustees through the Alumni representatives by Lester Jones of Albany (re-elected this year); William C. Piper, The Dalles; and Orville Mick, Dallas.

Two large checks from Washington, one for $5,000.00 from Garfield and one for $9,000.00 from Yakima, were contributed to the Building Fund of Northwest Christian College at the time of the Board of Trustees meeting on January 13, 1953. We deeply appreciate the generosity of those who made these substantial gifts. They indicate the confidence which men in Washington have in the College. We sincerely hope that there are those in Oregon who can measure up to their brethren north of the Columbia River in respect of giving. A library is needed very much and there is no source from which to secure the funds for its erection other than concerned Christians within the area which created the College.

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Occasionally we are asked what sources Northwest Christian College has from which to draw its financial support. The sources are three: (1) tuitions, amounting to about 45% of the budget; (2) miscellaneous items such as income from bookstore, dormitories and similar auxiliary enterprises; (3) contributions from congregations and individuals. Again let us say that Northwest Christian College is not supported by tax money nor by any organization other than the churches of individuals concerned with the maintenance of this Christian institution.

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Prof. Ward A. Rice was recently notified that Northwest Christian College is admitted as a member of the Intercollegiate Forensic Association of Oregon. This is splendid recognition for our Speech work, as only eight of the leading institutions of Oregon can belong to this Association. The University of Oregon, Oregon State and similar institutions constitute this organization. N.C.C. will, through her representatives, participate in several forensic contests this year, among them the State Peace Oratorical Contest on February 17th.

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The Senior Symposium which has come to be a splendid presentation of many varieties of talents possessed by N.C.C. students, will be held March 6 at 8 P.M., in the Wilson Junior High School Auditorium in Eugene. Visitors are welcome to attend this joyful evening of first class entertainment.

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Varieties of talent will be used, also, in the many meetings to be held during the spring vacation on March 22-29 and during the pre-Easter week, March 29-April 5. Wherever possible the students will share in the evangelistic effort during this period. Prof. Wm. Siefke and Prof. Gilbert Kistler cooperate in assigning talent for the various evangelistic enterprises.

Northwest Christian College Day in the churches, when students and faculty alike go out to congregations throughout the Northwest to report on their College and to enlist additional support in prayers, students and money, will be May 3 this year. May we stress the importance of observing this day in every congregation. Mark it now on your calendar and be sure that an N.C.C. representative, preferably one from your own congregation, reports to you on our College.

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"Do you suppose our son gets his intelligence from me?" tartly asked the father.

"He must," replied the mother. "I've still got mine!"

FEBRUARY 19
NEWS AND PICTURE
DEADLINE

PITY THE PREACHER

A Texas paper comments as follows: "The preacher has a great time. If his hair is gray, he is old. If he is a young man, he hasn't had experience. If he has ten children he has too many; if he has none, he isn't setting a good example. If his wife sings in the choir, she is presuming; if she doesn't, she isn't interested in her husband's work. If a preacher reads from notes, he is a bore; if he speaks extemporaneously, he isn't deep enough. If he stays at home in his study, he doesn't mix enough with the people; if he is seen around the streets, he ought to be at home getting up a good sermon. If he calls on some poor family, he is playing to the grandstand.; if he calls at the home of the wealthy, he is an aristocrat. Whatever he does, some one could have told him how to do better."

Walter Barnes, our minister at Enterprise, adds that "some church members prefer their preacher roasted, some like to see him boiled, and yet others would hire him for a year but keep him in hot water for six months and in the deep freeze the rest of the year. But thank God the majority of the church members respect and love their minister and are glad to help him in any way they can."

WHY DON'T THEY DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?

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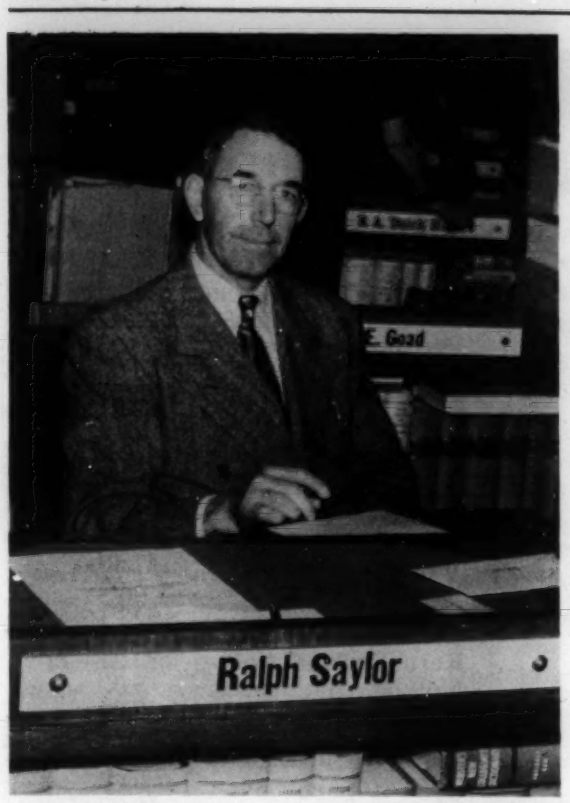
measure gets on to the floor of the House and the Senate, we may be sure that it will meet strong and powerful opposition from the gambling interests who have a powerful lobby at the state house. Hearings are now being held by the State and Federal Affairs Committee on this proposed measure, and at the time of this writing the telegrams and letters are coming in at the ratio of 40 to 1 in opposition, which simply means that church people are again asleep at the switch. Two things can be done and should be done at once: (1) write to Representative Mark Hatfield, Chairman of the State and Federal Affairs Committee, House of Representatives, Salem, expressing your convictions and giving the reasons mentioned above or others of your own, and do this **at once**; (2) write to your own representative or senator and tell him that when this matter comes on to the floor for hearing you want him to keep in mind your own viewpoint on the matter, and do this **at once.** Your minister can tell you who your representatives and senators are. Christian people certainly approve of every good cause such as fairs, 4-H Clubs, but they do not want them supported by gambling profits. It is still too early to know what legislation will be proposed on the Liquor-by-the-Glass matter, but the newspapers and broadcasts will give adequate publicity to it when it is presented. A measure will also be presented to change the time from 8 p.m. to 7 p.m. when beer and liquor advertising may appear on radio and television, with the pleas that this will then enable beer-sponsored boxing and wrestling matches to be televised. Christians ought to register a firm "No!" on this issue too. A proposal for state-owned Educational Television Stations will also be up for decision, which will provide educational channels for TV, along with the commercial channels. The Social Action Committee of the Oregon Council of Churches strongly favors this proposal, because of the predictions that standards of TV programs will be lowered as more commerically sponsored channels are added, and because of the moral effects of many such programs on children and youth.

Other laws which are of deep concern to Christians will also undoubtedly be presented and ought to be considered. Someone has said that the Christian people of the state constitute the most powerful lobby for good which could possibly be exerted, but tragically enough they seldom use their privilege. The forces of evil are organized and vocal. The forces representing the Christian cause ought to do as much—and far more!



CHRISTIAN LAYMAN ACTIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE

Ralph Salyor, an active leader in our church at Hermiston, was snapped above at his desk in the House of Representatives in the State Capitol in Salem during the opening days of the 1953 session of the Oregon State Legislature. Mr. Saylor is serving his first term as representative from Umatilla County.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Saylor have been active in the leadership of the Hermiston Church. Ralph is an elder and has served several terms as chairman of the church board. His wife, Hilda, has served for many years as Sunday School Superintendent.

The church people of Oregon should be proud to have one of our members serving us in state government. We have all too few persons of Christian character representing us.

LEARN

Learn to laugh. A laugh is better than medicine.

Learn to attend to your own business. Few men can handle their own well.

Learn to tell a story. A well told story is like a sunbeam in a sick room.

Learn to say kind things. Nobody ever resents them.

Learn to avoid nasty remarks. They give neither the hearer nor the speaker a lasting satisfaction.

Learn to stop grumbling. If you can't see any good in the world, keep the bad to yourself.

Learn to hide aches with a smile. Nobody is interested anyway.

Learn to keep troubles to yourself. Nobody wants to take them from you.

Above all, learn to smile—it pays.

OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

—By Edna L. Burke

Almost all of the members of the Christian Women's Fellowship state board took part in the Convention on Wheels programs in 22 churches in the state, January 19-30. Mrs. C. C. Smith, state president; Mrs. J. W. Jordan, first vice president and state director of study; Mrs. Jerry Benedict, recorder; and Mrs. Edna L. Burke, executive secretary traveled as members of one of the teams; the district secretaries presided over the meetings in the respective districts. A conference hour for women was held during the afternoon in every church. More than 100 women were contacted. Vital parts of the total women's work in the church—Deepened Spiritual Life, Membership, Giving, and Schools of Missions—were stressed. The women joined with the men for the fellowship and inspiration of the evening service.

The Christian Women's Fellowship state board gathered in Eugene January 13-14 for the regular mid year board meeting. On Wednesday afternoon the members attended the Northwest Preacher's Parliament at the First church to hear Dr. Thomas Wood, President of the 1953 International convention, and others in a discussion on the topic, "The Structure and Function of the International Convention." The state nominating committee composed of chairman Mrs. Gertrude Mossberger, Portland; Mrs. Ross Griffeth, Eugene; Mrs. Gene Robinson, La Grande; Mrs. Neta Olds, Lebanon; and Mrs. Julia Gregory, Medford, met at the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Farmer, four of our United Society missionaries working in Puerto Rico have encouraging words to say about the work in that area: "Building programs have been occupying many of the Puerto Rican churches." A real effort is being made to replace with more substantial buildings the churches that were destroyed by the devastating hurricane of 1950. "At the annual convention of the churches held last year, the report showed that the total offerings of the churches to be $88,651.00, the largest amount yet given by the Puerto Rican churches; the per capita giving was $15.69. That should put us to shame; the people of that part of the world are extremely poor." There were 347 baptisms in 1951, bringing the total membership to 5460.

Rosa Page Welsh continues to sing her way into the hearts of her listeners everywhere she goes. In the Phillipine Islands, in Thailand, in Japan, in India and on around the world she is being honored with teas, luncheons by different church groups in appreciation of her wonderful Christian spirit. She is turning out to be the ideal Christian ambassador of good will. She speaks through the universal language we all understand—music. Her trip is being sponsored and underwritten by the women of several Protestant bodies, including the Christian church.

Pictured above are officers of the C.W.F. of the Rockaway church at a recent planning conference. Left to right: Irene Cowley, secretary-trasurer; Edna Dix, worship chairman; Edith T. Davis, president; Edna L. Burke, state C.W.F. executive secretary; Marie Frink, vice president and study director.

Filling in one of the government forms concerning the death of one of his cows, the old farmer came to the query, "Disposition of carcass."

Shaking his head sadly, he wrote: "Kind and gentle."

The best proof of a mother's love is your photo taken at age 12.

IN NEXT ISSUE

At press time the "Convention on Wheels" is in progress at 22 of our Oregon churches. A complete report of these meetings will be carried in the March issue of The Oregon Christian.

Participating in the dedication of the new educational building of our Tillamook Church January 4, were, left to right above: Oscar Bishop, Board chairman; Aldis Webb, minister; Dr. Victor E. Hoven, Eugene, Dedicator; Adolf Hoven, Elder; and Archibald Pye, Building Committee chairman.

EDUCATIONAL UNIT DEDICATED AT TILLAMOOK

The Tillamook Church dedicated its new educational building Sunday, January 4, 1953 with Dr. V. E. Hoven as the speaker for the occasion. Inasmuch as this was an educational building it was thought proper to have an educator officiate at the ceremonies especially inasmuch as Dr. Hoven had been pastor of the Tillamook Church prior to his entering his life's work as a Bible teacher.

The ceremonies were very simple. Following the dedicatory address by Dr. Hoven. Mr. Archibald Pye, chairman of the building committee, presented the keys to Mr. Oscar Bishop, chairman of the Board, who, with appropriate words of appreciation, accepted them on behalf of the congregation. The congregation responded with a litany of dedication followed by an anthem, "Dedication," presented by the choir. The choir then led a processional through the doors of the new building and with the congregation they formed a friendship circle through the rooms and halls of both floors of the new structure. A prayer of dedication was followed by the Doxology and the singing of Blest Be the Tie That Binds.

To further celebrate the event a series of lectures was given by Dr. Hoven each week night of the week following on the subject, "Jesus the Christ". This week of great Bible teaching was well received by a splendid attendance each night. It laid the groundwork for a solid educational program to follow in this newly dedicated equipment.

Many expressions of surprise were heard concerning the extensive facilities provided at so moderate a cost. Large assembly rooms for three departments are provided with seven separate class rooms of generous proportions adjacent thereto. In addition, there is a well arranged church office and library; a small social hall for small social gatherings with a small kitchen in connection. Not to be overlooked are the wide halls and generous exits together with restrooms on each floor. The entire building is fireproof "literock" block construction with concrete and steel slabs for floors, ceiling and roof. A tinted plaster was used to give a cheerful effect to the interior in pastel, coral, yellow and green. The floors are covered with a russet shade of asphalt tile while the woodwork is finished with a neutral shade of gray.

For many months the departments have been gathering equipment in preparation for the new quarters. Twenty dozen hardwood chairs for children have been purchased. These are graded in heights of ten, twelve and fourteen inches to suit the needs of a graded school and a hundred new tube steel chairs have been ordered to care for the adult departments throughout the entire building. Blackboards, picture boards, coat racks and pianos make up a very complete equipment for a Sunday school of substantial proportions. Now a program is in progress to renovate and improve the rooms and equipment in the old building. With these improvements the Tillamook church expects to rapidly enlarge its attendance and improve the quality of its work.

STATE MISSIONS GIVING

December 16, 1952—January 15, 1953

Astoria	$25.00
Burns	268.00
Eugene West Side	13.00
Gladstone	32.00
Harrisburg	121.42
Hood River Valley	50.00
Newberg	15.00
Englewood (C.Y.F.)	24.44
Portland Southeast	100.00
Walton	10.00
Salem First	235.00
McMinnville	58.00
Eveline Pittman	5.00
Yamhill	15.00
Tillamook	30.65
Carlton	8.30
Hood River	42.00
Wallowa	47.40
Winston	5.00
Corvallis	35.91
Alvadore	8.00
Kern Park (C.W.F.)	32.21
Molalla	5.00
Myrtle Point	48.00
Broadbent Community	10.00
Carolyn Hollingsworth	2.50
Glenwood	10.00
Marcola	36.50
C. Tommy Stockton	4.00
Ashland (Win-One Class)	7.00
Milton-Freewater	33.13
Brownsville	20.00
Dayton	36.00
Eugene - Fairmount	13.00
Grants Pass (C.W.F.)	50.00
Heppner	5.12
Liberty	115.00
Pleasant Hill	2.00
Kern Park	33.34
Roseburg	50.00
Wasco	43.10
Lebanon	62.02
William Mayoh	7.50
H. C. Courter	25.00
Almon Motley	25.00
Halfway S. S.	43.24
Central (Portland)	150.00
Dallas S. S.	30.55
Ashland	4.00
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Klamath Falls (C.W.F.)	125.00
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Court Street Salem	74.27
Coquille Miss. Soc.	21.26
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Winston Churchill was taking a certain young woman to dinner, when she looked at him coquettishly, and remarked with the audacity of her kind: "There are two things I don't like about you, Mr. Churchill."

"And what are they?"

"Your new politics and mustache."

"My dear madam," he replied suavely, "pray do not disturb yourself. You are not likely to come in contact with either."

Pentecost Plus

The State Evangelism Committee has chosen one of its members, Ross Griffeth, to serve as local leader for the coming state-wide Bayne Driskill campaign. The following information has been prepared by him. This and future articles will appear in The Oregon Christian until the close of the campaign in April.

The one way to make sure that you know what is involved in the Comprehensive Evangelism Plan presented by Bayne Driskill is to read the manual which bears this title. The manual costs 50c. A copy has been made available to every preacher in Oregon. If, however, you want a copy, order one from: Pentecost Plus, Northwest Christian College, Eleventh and Alder, Eugene, Oregon. Then read it carefully.

Dates are set for the various congregations and areas in accordance with the wishes of the persons involved. In no case is a program imposed upon anyone. Some congregations have found it necessary to begin their visitation as early as March 15. Others will not be able to carry through until May. But most congregations will participate in the program of evangelism during the period between March 22 and April 26.

Some areas which have adopted dates are these: visitation begins March 22 and Decision Day will be March 29 in the Portland area and at Athena. The Eugene area and many student preaching points will have Kick-off day on March 29 and Decision Day on April 5. Tillamook and several other churches in coastal towns will begin their visitation on April 5 and hold Decision Day on April 12. Medford, Ashland and contiguous areas are to begin visitation on April 12 and have Decision Day April 19. Detailed statements on this will be made in each local congregation participating.

Make A Calendar

If anything is to be accomplished properly, it must be done "decently and in order." Each congregation should establish its own calendar, publish it, then check off the steps as they are carried through. This calendar, prepared by E. M. Eldridge from the materials furnished by Bayne Driskill and from experience, is as follows:

1. Present total program to congregation at once, and set goal for Decision Day.
2. Give members of the congregation an opportunity at Church services to sign Prayer Covenant cards, following Sunday after goals are set, or——————, 1953.
3. Begin **at once** to enroll all visitors at Church services. (Important that it be done correctly.)
4. Secure names and addresses of prospective members from members at morning Church service, using 4x6 card (form suggested on page 5 of Manual), second Sunday after goal is set, or ——————1953.
5. Transfer all prospects to Prospect Assignment cards: also list all prospects on permanent record cards to be kept in the office. Put all the information about prospect on the front of the assignment card, including the approximate age, if possible.
6. Make lists of all Bible School related families not members of the Church. Best to do this by phone. This job should be completed within two weeks of the time goal is set, or——————, 1953.
7. Women of the Church meet at the Church 1:30 p.m.: go out two by two to make friendly calls on prospects; return to Church at 4:00 p.m. and **return all prospect cards**. This job should be completed within four weeks from date goal is set, or ——————, 1953.
8. Board members and their wives and all other couples of the Church at 6:15 p.m. for pot-luck dinner. Leave the Church promptly at 7:00 p.m., husband and wife together if possible, to make friendly calls on prospective members. Return to Church at 9:30 p.m., and return all cards. This should be completed two weeks before kick-off Sunday, or ——————, 1953.
9. Pastor must make one friendly call on each prospect before kick-off Sunday, or ——————, 1953.
10. Letters are to be written to all prospects by volunteer typists three weeks ahead of kick-off Sunday, or ——————, 1953. Letters are not to be mailed until the Tuesday before kick-off Sunday, or ——————, 1953. Prospects are to be classified A, B, C, D — see pages 7, 8 and 9.
11. Majors are to be selected by ——————, 1953.
12. Meeting of Majors is to be held——————, 1953.
13. Visitors are to be enlisted by ——————, 1953.
    It is better to enlist them in groups.
14. Lady selected to oversee meal preparation and menus arranged for meals during four nights of calling by ——————, 1953.
15. Newly lettered blackboard is to be ready one week ahead of kick-off Sunday or ——————, 1953.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Parrish

SIXTY YEARS TOGETHER

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Parrish of Newberg, Oregon celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary December 28, 1952, with a reception held at the Newberg Christian Church. Over 300 friends and relatives came to greet them and wish them continued blessings.

Mr. and Mrs. Parrish are charter members of the Newberg Christian Church and have rendered many years of active service to the church and its many activities. Mr. Parrish was a charter elder of the church and now is elder emeritus. He also sang in the choir until recent years. Mrs. Parrish was always most interested in the church, but in early years it took most of her time getting the eleven children ready for church and seeing that they attended.

Of the eleven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Parrish, ten are living, the youngest having died in childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Parrish are fortunate to have all their children now living in Oregon. Those living in Newberg are: Della (Mrs. Edwin Johnson); Elva (Mrs. Emery Jones); Arthur (He maintains the Parrish farm); Leah (Mrs. O. J. McCoy); Freda (Mrs. I. R. Root); and Ray. Thelma (Mrs. Arthur J. Stanley) lives in Portland. Elery lives in McMinnville and is the minister of the Christian Church there; Alnetta (Mrs. Wililam Gall) lives in Bend; Lillie (Mrs. Stanley Kendall) lives in Klamath Falls. All of the children are very active in the churches where they live. All of them got to attend the wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Parrish have 25 grandchildren and six great-grand children.

Mr. and Mrs. Parrish have consistently lived the Christian life and all who know them say they are living examples of their Christian beliefs.

DIRECT-SUPPORT MISSIONS

—By Rozelle Henry

Five missionary recruits who are well known among our Oregon and Northwest churches are this month announcing their decisions to go soon as direct-support missionaries to needy fields.

Miss Anne Chapman plans to commence work in Southern Alberta, Canada in June. She will work especially with the young people in cooperation with her brother James Chapman and others serving there. Miss Chapman is a graduate of the Oregon College of Education and expects to complete her degree requirements soon for a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Ore. Her Bible study was taken at N.C.C. and San Jose Bible College. She is available now for speaking engagements. Write: Anne Chapman, 2950 River Road, Eugene.

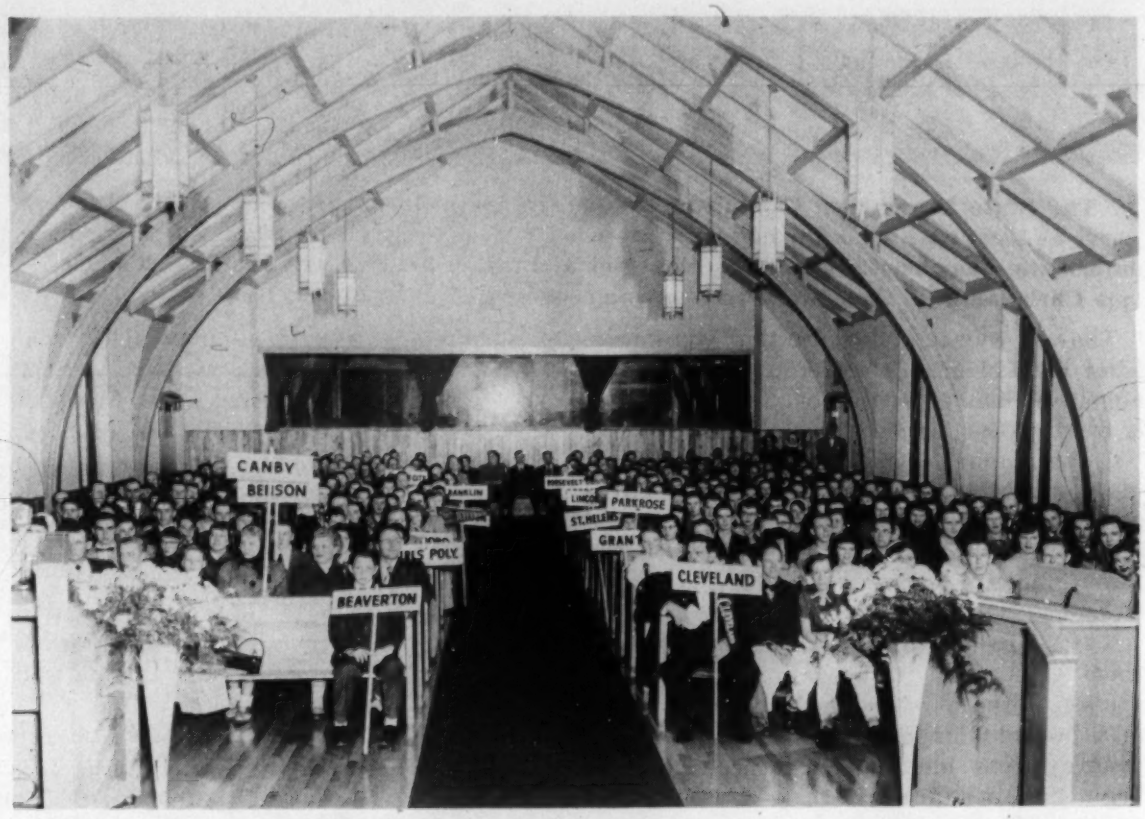
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rickerson announce their plans to go to the Miyaco Islands, about 180 miles S.S.W. of Okinawa. The challenge of these people was brought to them by their son-in-law, Mel Huckins, who spent 11 days on these islands. A leper colony with 350 patients as well as the new group of Christians meeting regularly now are pleading for the Rickersons to come soon. The Rickersons have served as ministers at Zillah, Lincoln Park, Anacortes, and Hozuiam, Washington. Both are graduates of the Eugene Bible University and Mr. Rickerson is also a graduate of the University of Oregon. They plan to attend the Northwest Direct-Support Missionary Conference and will be available for speaking engagements following the conference. Write: Donald Rickerson, Rt. 1, Box 587, Ceres, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Byers plan to close their present ministry at Medford and work among the tribal people in Upper Siam. They are making application for passports and trusting they shall be able to sail later in the year. Don is a graduate of N.C.C. and has served the Central Church of Christ, Medford for 3½ years. They will be available for speaking engagements after May 1. Write: Don Byers, % Central Church of Christ, Central and Jackson, Medford, Oregon.

The programs for the Northwest Direct-Support Missionary Conference, February 26-27, announce a group of veteran missionaries for the five major addresses. They are J. Russell Morse, Harlan Woodruff, Tibbs Maxey, Bill Jessup and Ben Schiller. Reservations for housing should be sent to: Central Christian Church, 2724 S. E. Hawthorne Blvd., Portland 15, Oregon.

The 1953 MISSIONARY HANDBOOK is ready for mailing. Orders for the new Handbook, and News Supplements ($1.00) should be sent to: 1411 Walnut Street, Eugene, Oregon.

Rolland Sjodin who was released in September from the communist prison in Kweiyang, China is commencing work now at the Wi-Ne-Ma Christian Camp. While he is in need of a rehabilitation period of several months to a year, he desires to be at work serving his Lord. He will assist both with the construction program of the camp and the local church at Wi-Ne-Ma. He has asked that he not be requested to speak among the churches until he has had time for rehabilitation.



Shown above is a portion of the large group which attended the youth rally sponsored by the northwest district of the men's Ninety and Nine. The rally was held at Kern Park Church in Portland.

NINETY AND NINE YOUTH RALLY HELD

The Men's Ninety and Nine of the northwest district sponsored the first of a series of once a month Saturday night youth rallies for the Portland area, Saturday evening, January 10 at the Kern Park Christian Church. This initial rally was a great success with an overflow crowd of over 400. It was necessary to fill the choir loft and part of the fellowship hall.

John Smith, of N. C. C. was the speaker. Roy Bollock, student body president of N. C. C., played his guitar and sang. The King's Chordettes, a girls' trio, sang. Bob Ross, of the St. Johns Christian Church, was master of ceremonies and Bob Pfeiffer, was song leader.

As the youth arrived they were seated according to high schools attended and they were also recognized by schools. Alger Fitch and Dallas Meserve put on a humorous skit in connection with this part of the program.

The next rally will be held Saturday evening, February 14, at the Mallory Avenue Church with Jack Nichols of N.C.C. as guest speaker. Bill Pifer, N.C.C., will act as master of ceremonies and Don Smith, also of N.C.C., will be pianist. Bob Pfeiffer will be the song leader. Others participating will be David Doerksen, Salem, trumpet soloist, and Dessie Taylor, Vancouver, soloist.

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International Convention Exhibitors Note

Exhibits at the International Convention of Disciples of Christ to be held in Portland, Oregon, July 4-9, 1953 will be housed in the Portland Civic Auditorium.

All organizations desiring to exhibit at the Portland Assembly are requested to immediately file application with the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, 516 K of P Building, Indianapolis 4, Indiana, indicating the number of booths desired. Most of the exhibit booths which will be used are 10 feet wide and 10 feet deep. The filing of applications will be necssary to secure exhibit space.

Allocations of exhibit space will be made in order of receipt of request for space. Immediate action is therefore desirable.

NEW CHURCH AT SALEM

The prospect of a new Church in Salem got off to a running start when ten students from Northwest Christian College literally ran between houses in the rain to complete a survey of two strategic areas of the city. The first survey was made in December in the northeast section of Salem, with 393 homes being contacted during the day. One hundred eight home-residents registered varying degrees of interest in this sector and only 13 homes were now attending a Christian Church in the city. The later survey, completed on January 17, included 676 homes, in the West Salem area, with 140 indicating some interest in the establishment of a new Church, and 46 of the homes visited now active in one of the Christian Churches in Salem.

These results gave the immediate go-ahead signal to the project in northeast Salem and revealed the urgent need of another in West Salem. A two-acre building site has been purchased for the sum of $3000. Applied on this purchase was $2000 from the Centennial Fund of the State, earmarked many years ago for the Salem area. The balance of $1000 is being raised by special offerings received in the churches in the communities adjacent to Salem. Professor Ward Rice of Northwest Christian College is speaking in these churches on Sunday mornings and evenings, presenting the total expanded program of state missions.

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Members of a recent deputation team from the Corvallis Christian House are shown above. Seated, left to right: Dick Lauer, McKenzie Bridge; Claude Bryant, local church sponsor and member, Oregon Student Foundation; Larry Bails, Corvallis; and Celiea Weaver, Salem First Church. Standing left to right: Carol Stratford, Canby; Jeannine O'Reilly, Willamina; and Jim Robnett, Oregon City.

NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN HOUSES

February 15 is a World Student Day of Prayer and will be so observed by both our Corvallis and Eugene Christian Houses. Both are also planning to use the film, "We Hold These Truths," which will be part of Brotherhood month emphasis. The Eugene students are making the entire month of February a missionary month in conjunction with the Christian World Friendship nights being held at First Christian Church. One particularly interesting discussion will be on "Missions in Africa Today," with Allen Byerlee and some of the African students at the University in a panel.

Religious Evaluation Week at the University is bringing to the campus many outstanding churchmen including Dean Florovsky of the Greek Orthodox Church who has made such a contribution in the World Council of Churches. Christian House students are actively participating in the events of the week, January 25-29, especially in connection with the opening supper in the Student Union on Sunday, January 25.

The Oregon Christian Student Foundation met in Eugene during the Northwest Preachers Parliament, and made plans to promote the Friends-of-Christian House program of which Leighton Dashiell, Dallas, is chairman. Gene Robinson, La Grande, chairman of the Foundation, also held a special meeting with all Oregon student pastors in which it was discovered that on many of our smaller campuses we have a Christian preference list of 40 to 60 students who need the ministry of the church during their college days.

The Regional Disciples Student Fellowship also met during the Parliament. Albin Busby of Ellensburg, Washington, and student at U. of O. is regional student chairman. Plans were completed for the third annual regional students conference to be held at Menucha on the weekend after Easter, April 10-12. The theme is "If I Be Lifted Up." Mary Peterson, Yakima, Washington, and senior at the University, brought reports of plans made at the national DSF executive meeting held in Missions Building, Indianapolis, during the Christmas holidays. Part of these had to do with a student day at the International Convention in Portland in July. A one-day fellowship and beach trip on Wednesday is planned for all students.

Eugene students held an informal luncheon meeting with Dr. Howard Thomas Wood, president of the International Convention, and pastor of the Linden Avenue Christian Church, Memphis, Tennessee, while he visited in Eugene during the Parliament. This was a fine fellowship for us all. Plans for the student day at the Convention were discussed.

Student work is being presented in the Convention-on-wheels programs by Loraine Carlson Cecil (Mrs. Everett Cecil) of Corvallis who has attended Monmouth, U. of O., and N.C.C.; by Don Helseth and Claude Bryant of Corvallis; by Gene Robinson of La Grande; by Len Farr of Coos Bay; and by a team of Eugene students.

Deputation teams from Christian House of Corvallis have made recent visits to the Mallory Avenue Church in Portland, Silverton and Salem First Church.

Jolene Hoppe attended the United Student Christian Council at Stanford University during Christmas vacation as a delegate from our Corvallis House.

Around The State With The Churches

STAYTON: Holding revival meeting March 1-22 with Gene Bream, evangelist and Charles Knox, song leader. One added by baptism. Glen Vernon, minister. **McMINNVILLE:** Yamhill County pastors of our eight churches meet each month to plan monthly Youth Rallies and a weekly radio program over KMCM here. The program may be heard over this station every Sunday evening at 6:00. Fine fellowship among churches of this county. Fifth Sunday rallies are held four Sunday afternoons each year. Elery A. Parrish, minister.

LEBANON: Fiscal year ended December 31 with 176 additions: 104 by baptism, 72 by statement. The Bible school averaged 407 for the year which was a 7.8% gain over 1951. Social hall has been redecorated. Payments on the new building are being met monthly. 4 added by baptism, 2 otherwise since last report. Ivan Correll, minister. **OAKRIDGE:** At the victory dinner held January 11, reports were heard from all departments of the church. 37 were added to the church last year. Financial receipts were over $8,000.00. Bible School averaged 20% above the previous year. Class rooms are bulging . . . Something has to be done to make more room soon. Three added by transfer, January 11. Harry Chapin, pastor.

HEPPNER: Church was very generous with their minister for Christmas, reports Earl L. Soward, pastor. Also paid Mr. Soward's expenses to Preachers Parliament in Eugene. Favorite hymns of the church were used at a special Sunday evening service. Following this program, church gave Marie, minister's daughter, a going-away party. She began her work at San Pedro, California, January 11 as Youth Director. Plans under way for the Pentecost Plus program. Local men to be host to District 90 and 9 men on January 19. One added by baptism, 2 otherwise. **WALLOWA:** Pentecost plus starting with enthusiasm and expectancy. One added by statement. O. W. Jones, minister.

CORVALLIS: Annual reports indicate an 18% increase in the average Sunday School attendance for 1952. Attendance at church and finances are in good shape. Church will cooperate in state-wide "Pentecost Plus" program. Don Helseth, minister.

ROSEBURG: Evangelistic meetings with Willie White resulted in a number of additions and many other good contacts and enthusiasm on the part of our people. Evening crowds averaged well over 200 the first week. About 40 members participated in visitation campaign the second week. Over $1000.00 given for missions in December. About $8000.00 yet to raise to complete educational building. Bible School average of 447 for 1952. Three added by baptism, 11 otherwise. R. V. Kleinfeldt, minister.

GLENWOOD: Church willing to work. One added by baptism, 7 otherwise. John E. Piper, minister. **VERNONIA:** One of Vernonia's prominent members died January 10—Mrs. Rose McGown. She was one of those faithful souls who is always in her pew. C. F. Swander, pastor. **JEFFERSON:** Glenn Vernon, minister at Stayton, held instruction class for elders and deacons. Sunday School teachers and officers are participating in the union teacher-training course and Bible study. Christmas offering for Sunday School was sent to McKinley Mission at Toppenish, Washington. Making plans for a pre-Easter campaign. Mrs. Virgil Bailes—reporter.

POWELL BUTTE: Church reports 44 additions during 1952. 3 added by statement since last report. D. L. Penhollow, minister. **PORTLAND-SOUTHEAST:** Had 91 people added to the church during 1952. There were 54 by baptism and 37 by transfer of membership. 4 added by baptism, 2 otherwise since last report. Gene Chamberlain, minister.

PORTLAND-FIRST: Eleventh year of School of Christian Living off to magnificent start. More than 400 present on opening evening. Newly dedicated fellowship hall a great aid in this program. Four life work recruits at College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky, report satisfying experiences in Christian ministry. All are in strategic points of service in Kentucky churches. Youth Sunday will be observed by Christian Youth Fellowship. They have invited Edwin C. Berry, executive secretary of the Urban League to be their guest speaker. Charles C. Manker, minister of Christian education and youth work left for Cincinnati, February 1 to attend Christian Education division of National Council meeting. He will preside at Disciples section. 6 added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Myron Cole, minister.

SALEM-COURT STREET: W. Harold Lyman, minister, reports 4 added by baptism. **NEWPORT:** Under the leadership of Mrs. Dave Riggs and Mrs. Percy Watkinson, Newport has an active Junior Christian Endeavor Society which has grown from about 7 members to 21 members in 3 months. We are looking forward to having a large number of this group taking active part in the church activity. Two added by baptism. Wes Goucher, pastor.

DALLAS: A capacity crowd of 250 enjoyed our Christmas cantata-pageant; many said it was the best program we have produced in many years. Looking forward to a World Friendship Tour of Africa during the 4 Sunday evenings of February. Clever publicity features "steamship tickets" (to cover the cost of lunches) sold by man in Navy

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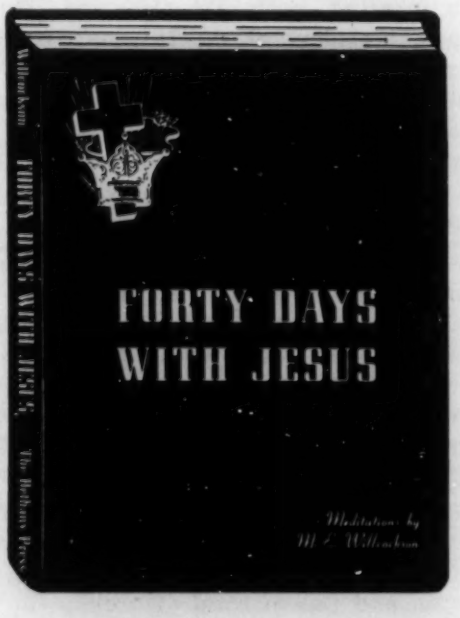
New meditations for daily family reading from Ash Wednesday to Easter . . .

FORTY DAYS WITH JESUS

By M. E. Willcockson



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uniform. Orville Mick, pastor. **FALL CREEK:** Have set up "Comprehensive Evangelism Plan" under Ed Eldridge. Decision Day will be March 22 with goal of 21 or more. Minister, George Shoemaker, setting up Leadership Training School for several churches of area to be held February 24-26, March 3-5 at Trent, Oregon.

EUGENE-BETHEL: Shrubs have been planted around the new building which greatly improve the appearance. The off-street parking area has been improved by the addition of 4 loads of gravel. Two added by statement. Don Thuma, minister.

SCOTTS MILLS: Attendance is holding good and interest in the church work is fine. Much to be had from studying the book of Revelation. We invite one and all to come and worship with us each Lord's Day. **ST. HELENS:** Annual reports show encouraging progress in every department this past year. More thn 10% increase in membership of the church. Bible school average reached 147 and steadily growing. Launched "Building Block" Plan for raising new building fund with 1952-53 goal set at $2400—$1500 of which has been raised to date. Joining Portland area comprehensive evangelistic pre-Easter campaign. Goal set at 42 responses. Two added by statement. R. L. Putnam, minister.

SWEET HOME: Just completing a new $14,000.00 addition to the building. Also a new heating system for the whole building. The addition to the building will be paid for when it is finished and the heating system almost paid for completely. Held a meeting with Elery Parrish January 18—February 1. Averaged almost 300 in Bible school during latter part of December and January. 5 added by statement. B. Ross Evans, minister.

MILWAUKIE: There was much activity in the church preparing for the visit of the "Convention on Wheels." New dishes and kitchen utensils were purchased, cupboards and service counters built in the kitchen and walls plastered in the recreation hall. The ladies are making afternoon calls—anticipating 700 this month. Goal for decision day has been set at 50 and pledge cards signed for daily prayers. 6 added by baptism, 8 otherwise. Mrs. A. B. Walters, reporter; Alger Fitch, minister. **ONTARIO:** Christian Builder's Class recently had election of officers with 42 in attendance at class party. Several members of the class have been donating labor to help other members who are remodeling or building homes. We lost by about 6 points in Bible School contest with La Grande. The Fellowship Class is taking the initiative in working out plans for building up attendance. All in all, a very fine spirit prevails and things look very hopeful as the various committees function. Two added by statement. E. J. Helseth, minister.

HILLSBORO: Annual Sweetheart Search is under way with a great deal of interest being shown in this project. If interest continues as it has in the past two years, a new attendance record will be set this month. During absence of minister, Newell Morgan, who traveled with the Convention on Wheels, Mr. Ward Rice, professor at N.C.C., spoke on January 25. One added by baptism, 7 otherwise. **GOSHEN:** This is a young people's group—two were added by baptism on December 20. Held a rally January 17 on theme "I'd Rather Have Jesus." Youth director, L. M. Gomez, reporter.

SILVERTON: Increasing church attendance. Two added by statement. Arthur Chas. Bates, minister. **REDMOND:** Minister, Dick Merriman, attended N. W. Preachers Parliament. Church changed its name legally from "Church of Christ: Christian", to "The Christian Church of Redmond." Council has sent 15 boxes to Korea to the Hills, 2 to Clarks in Japan and 1 to Boise Christian Home for Children. Also helped locally in clothing relief. Beginning calling campaign in readiness for Pentecost Plus campaign. Dorothy Lowrey, reporter.

HERMISTON: On January 4, church burned the note for the educational building. The unit was started 3 years ago and is valued at $25,000.00. Bible school attendance holding steady. A new class has been started for young married couples, making a total of 16 classes. Maroon robes have been purchased for the choir. Work will begin soon on redecorating the sanctuary. Church was host to Eastern Oregon Youth at a Rally January 31. C. W. F. sponsored a visit from the Hadley sisters of the Indian mission. We are joining in the state-wide evangelistic campaign. 3 added to the church since last report. Wallace Jones, minister; Mrs. Elvis Smith, reporter.

PORTLAND—PARKROSE: February is set for building finance campaign. Congregation adopted both the building plans and building finance program January 18. Three added by baptism, 5 otherwise. Dallas Meserve, minister. **SUTHERLIN:** 8 added by baptism since last report, reports Lloyd Whitford, minister. **EUGENE—FIRST:** Youth week was observed with the morning service in their charge and the following Sunday the students of Christian House took charge of the service. Youth Banquet was held January 28. Family World Friendship nights began February 1, this being the third year for such a project. Begining with a snack supper at 5:30 p.m.; "Family Sing" at 6:00; Family Flight (classes) at 6:15; and "Family Worship" at 7:15. This year's series is on Africa. 3 added by baptism, 12 otherwise. Carroll C. Roberts, minister.

DORENA — ROW RIVER VALLEY CHURCH: Report has come of a community church where all denominations meet each Sunday—Sunday School at 9:45; church at 11:00. Church is served at present by Robert Kendall, student at N.C.C. The building is still in the process of building. One added by baptism in January. Mrs. Gretta Estabrook, reporter. **NEWBERG:** Annual meeting held January 2. Reports for 1952 show: 80 additions—45 by baptism and 35 otherwise; average Bible School attendance 330; total offerings for missions and benevolence $9665.20. For the third consecutive year, the Treasurer's report shows more given for others than the local work. One added by baptism and 2 by statement January 11. J. Frank Cunningham, minister.

MYRTLE POINT: Remodeling work still continues on a small scale. An elementary church board is being set up on a trial basis for a period of one year. This replaces the congregational meetings which heretofore met monthly to transact the business of the church. Church will participate in the Pentecost Plus program with a goal of 17. 2 added by baptism. Bob McDonald, minister. **NORTH BEND:** Excellent annual meeting and election of officers who are ready to go to work for the Lord. Plans are under way for the "Pentecost Plus" program. Goal has been set for at least 56 committments to Christ. Due to the increase in attendance, we have organized 2 new Bible school classes and another one is needed but we have no more room. 5 added by baptism, 5 otherwise. Clyde C. Blakley, minister.

MILTON-FREEWATER: While the pastor, Truman Robbins, and family were attending the Preachers Parliament in Eugene, the nine students from here organized a "Milton-Freewater Club." The young people here are forming an N.C.C. club. The "Helping Hand Committee" through the C.W.F., sent 263 quarts of food and 5 boxes of clothing to White Swan. "Congo" Circle sent a $1.00 bill and a Christmas card to each person at N.W. Christian Home at Beaverton. Have recently organized a children's choir with 23 at the first meeting—includes grades 1-3. Church has entered a Bible school contest with Sweet Home. Plans are under way for the State Christian Endeavor Convention here April 30—May 3. Five added by baptism, 1 otherwise. **GLADSTONE:** Church voted to enter comprehensive evangelism crusade. Cultivation calling program underway. Many prospects. Goal of 41 new members assumed. Nelson E. Cole, minister.

PORTLAND — MALLORY AVENUE: Attendance at all services running far above a year ago despite "flu" and cold epidemics. Attendance at 5 Week Sunday evening World Friendship Family Nights, ran 150 in 6:00 to 7:00 classes and 300 and 200 7:40 worship service first two Sunday evenings. Loma Mae Jones set up the program. Miss Jones, Director of Christian Education, is being sent by the church to National Conference of Directors at Cincinn-

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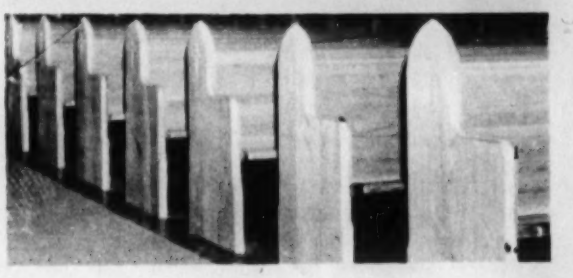

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ati in February. One added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Hubert E. Sias, minister.

SPRINGFIELD-MT. VERNON CHURCH OF CHRIST: The youth groups are active in building program. Both groups have been sharing their material blessings with those less fortunate than they. Relief gifts to Greece and help for local families have been two of their projects. Work on the church building progresses. The teachers and leaders are growing in ability, consecration and effectiveness.

JUNCTION CITY: In the Pentecostal Plus Program, our goal is 16—have 53 prayer warriors. The McKenzie 90 & 9 District meets here with I. M. Nelson, minister, as speaker. A school for Christian living will be held for all North Lane County Churches in February. Six added by baptism.

MILL CITY: Convention on Wheels, eastern team leading, met here January 20, with 57 registered representing churches at Lebanon, Scio, Silverton, Stayton, Turner and the host church. A fine spirit of fellowship, challenging information and uplifting inspiration blessed each attendant. Two added by baptism. H. E. Jull, minister.

MULTNOMAH: Annual installation officers held January 7. On January 11 after evening worship, a program was presented followed by a reception honoring our members who had wedding anniversaries in the month of January. Flowers were presented as each couple was interviewed by the chairman of the occasion, Mr. Allan O. Hess. This is to be a monthly occasion. 3 added by baptism. Leland Earls, minister.

BURNS: This has been a month of completions: the completion of the kitchen, dining room and the parsonage. Have 6 registered for the C.E. State Convention in Milton Freewater, April 30 to May 3. The annual "All Boy" concert program will be given Thursday, February 26, with 35 boys participating. Church audiences are on the increase and the church is enthusiastic over the Pentecost Plus program. Two added by baptism. Len B. Fishback, minister.

SALEM—FIRST CHRISTIAN: 6 months report showed advances above a similar period of last year, in evangelism, finance and attendance. Participated in making two surveys for new church site. Making definite plans for helping underwrite cost of new Salem church project. Long range planning committee appointed to study needs for future growth. Seven added by baptism, 10 otherwise. Dudley Strain and Donald Payne, ministers. **BEND:** New carpets for sanctuary aisles and chancel laid. Remodeled choir loft. Six added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Wm. Henry Hart, minister.

CULVER: Church has just completed building an entrance way on to the church. The Narthex was financed by the Christian Women's Council. The men donated their labor and a carpenter was hired to supervise the job and to do the finishing work. Youth week was observed February 1-7. Four added by baptism. **ASHLAND:** Earl F. Downing, minister, reports 6 added by statement. **MONMOUTH:** Men's work days at church cared for many needy projects around the building. Year 1952 ended with progress in every part of the church and 46 additions. Lynnton Elwell, minister.

PENDLETON: Church closed one of the best years in its history December 31. Finished first year of 10 year program with missions and evangelism about 50% above yearly goal. Church gave more than $2200.00 in missions and received 69 into the membership. Bible School running above last year's average. Minister, Hiram C. Dawson, is in 4th year with church. Upon his recommendation the church has placed the "New Program of Christ in Oregon" paramount in its objectives and various organizations have underwritten it financially for the year. During his ministry a parsonage valued at $22,000.00 has been built and will soon be free from debt. Financial stewardship has increased so that during all but 3 months of 1952 the income was more than $1000.00 per month. For the last quarter $4400.00 was received. During this time church basement has been redecorated, hall and parlor floors have been laid with asphalt tile. Entering "Pentecost Plus" program. Have 3 groups of young people, each sponsored by a young married couple. One young man will enter N.C.C. next year to prepare as a missionary. F. LeRoy Baker, church statistician.

THE DALLES: Mr. and Mrs. William C. Piper began ministry January 2. Arlo B. Bristow closed six months supply ministry at The Dalles, December 28. While there, 30 were added to the church and $8,100.00 paid on the indebtedness.

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Carpenter Pete says the brain is a wonderful thing. It never ceases working for you from the time you are born until the moment you stand up to make a speech.

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A party of tourists came upon an Indian brave riding a pony. A heavily burdened squaw walked beside him.

"Why doesn't the squaw ride?" asked a tourist

"She got no pony."

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BENEFITS INCREASED

The Pension Fund has been taking a sampling of opinion of church boards and ministers regarding increases in Pension Plan benefits. In general, these are:

First, an additional death benefit of one year's salary, up to $6,000.00, to be added to the present cash death benefit for all dues-paying members. Second, an increase in the disability pension from $600.00 to $900.00 a year. Third, where minor children are left full orphans, the children to receive in addition to the present child pensions, the widow pension which had accrued to their deceased mother. Where there is more than one child this is to be divided equally among the children and to continue until age 18, or, if in school, to age 21.

This proposal answers needs among the ministry felt at this time by both churches and pastors. It calls for an increase in dues of 1% for the church and ½% for the member. Per dollar cost, the Pension Plan provides more protection and benefits in its regular Plan, as well as in this proposal, than can be secured from any other source.

On the first sampling, out of 391 churches and ministers surveyed, 219 have reported as follows: 189 favored the new proposal; 13 did not favor it; 15 offered other proposals; 2 were undecided.

The proposal will not become effective until it is passed by the International Convention and is accepted by the majority of the members of the Pension Plan. Even after adoption, the proposal would be optional for present participating churches and members.

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THREE LADIES OF THE HEPPNER CHURCH WERE HONORED recently with a birthday party. All three are over 80 years old. In picture at left above, left to right: Mrs. Ealor Huston (sings in choir every Sunday), Mrs. Emma Jones, and Mrs. Casha Shaw. At right above is pictured the background used for a special Sunday evening service recently at Heppner featuring favorite hymns of the congregation. Featured hymns were "The Old Rugged Cross," "In The Garden" and "The Garden of Prayer." Program was arranged by the minister, Earl L. Soward, and his daughter, Marie, and consisted of duets, solos, choruses, quartets and congregational singing.

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